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October is National Co-op Month

Fall is a busy time, and October is a particularly eventful month with school, community and sports activities in full swing. It's also when all cooperatives celebrate National Co-op Month.

When Taylor Electric Cooperative celebrates Co-op Month, it really means we're celebrating you! After all, our co-op wouldn't exist without you, our members.

Our core business purpose is to serve as your electricity provider, but the larger mission of the co-op is to help make our corner of the world a better place.

Concern for Community is one of seven guiding principles that all co-ops share. Like our wires running through our service territory, our concern for friends and neighbors flows through all of our decisions—because being a co-op means being a responsible partner and good neighbor.

Taylor EC works to help our community thrive through initiatives led by our employees and local board that's composed of neighbors who live right here in our community. Because we're local, we understand our community's unique needs and strive to help meet them.

We're proud to support local youths through the Government-in-Action Youth Tour and scholarship programs. With your help, we offer programs to provide assistance to our community's most vulnerable members.

The word “cooperative” is close to “cooperation,” meaning people working together toward a common goal—mutually benefiting one another and the larger community. That's the essence of the cooperative spirit. Our employees and member-elected board are invested in the community in which we live and serve.

Above all, as a co-op, we put our members' priorities first. As your trusted energy partner, we know that saving energy and money is important to you. We have numerous programs in place to help, so give us a call if you have questions about your energy bills.

Taylor EC is continually examining ways to operate more efficiently while continuing to provide the highest level of friendly, reliable service you expect and deserve. After all, we were built by the members we serve. We're your local co-op.



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Fall Checklist: Check for Safety, Maintenance Issues

THE BLISTERING SUMMER HEAT isn't far behind us, but it won't be long until heating season arrives and the house is full of company for the holidays.

Head off any potential problems by scheduling maintenance and safety checks for your home's heating and electrical devices now. Here's where to start.

Furnace. A qualified tech should do a twice-a-year check of your system: once in the fall for heating and again in the spring for air conditioning. Before you need to turn on the heat, make sure your furnace is in good working condition. The tech can spot problems before they ruin your system or cause a malfunction while your house is full of company.

Thermostats. If your home doesn't have a programmable thermostat, you could be paying more to heat and cool your home than you should. Programmable thermostats automatically turn the heat up or down, depending on your family's schedule.

Ground-fault circuit interrupters. A licensed electrician can install GFCIs in your bathroom, kitchen and laundry room; around hot tubs and pools; and under windows. All those areas have the potential to get wet, and a GFCI will shut off the electricity to an appliance that does. In addition, it can interrupt a circuit if it's overcharged.

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't have them near all the bedrooms in your home, it's time to install them. Then check them twice a year to make sure they're still working and that they have fresh batteries.

Overloaded outlets. You can overload an electrical circuit by plugging in appliances that use a lot of electricity—like a range, dishwasher, refrigerator or even some entertainment systems and exercise equipment—into a circuit designed for a smaller load. Ask a licensed electrician to inspect your home for potential circuit overloads. ■

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